

Organizations of the American Revolution
Name _____

Organization	Date(s)	What was it created as a reaction to? What was its purpose?	What did it do? What did it accomplish?	Key people involved? Anything else?
Committees of Correspondence		Purpose was to keep the colonists informed about what was happening in other colonies & increase communication between colonies	Helped unite the colonies against the British	Sam Adams
Sons of Liberty		"no taxation without representation" -purpose was to protest/rebel against British control & taxes	-organized the Boston Tea Party	Samuel Adams
Daughters of Liberty		Same as S.O.L	Boycotted British goods- made their own cloth/tea	
1st Continental Congress	Sept-Oct 1774	-purpose to decide how to respond to British actions -delegates from 12/13 colonies met in Philadelphia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommended a boycott 2. Wrote a statement of loyalty but argued with parliament's right to tax the colonies without representation 3. Recommended colonies organize/strengthen their militias 	
2nd Continental Congress	May 1775	purpose to decide how to respond to British and what happened at the Battle of Lexington and Concord	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organized the Continental Army and made GW commander 2. created/signed the Declaration of Independence 	

Thomas Paine & <i>Common Sense</i>	1776	Purpose was to convince colonists to support independence using logical straight forward arguments	Widely read and published pamphlet “Common Sense” reasons for independence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distance- 2,000 miles away makes communication problems 2. Size- Britain is a small island, colonies are a huge area 3. 	